Harassment of police staff

*408. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the Hindustan Times dated the 16th November, 2001 , under the heading "ACP harassed his own staff for money";

(b) if so, the details thereof including the names of the staff so harassed by the officer; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. There were several complaints against an Assistant Commissioner of Police posted in the Special Branch in which it was alleged that he used abusive language,misbehaved with his staff and colleagues and demanded illegal gratification from them, etc. A vigilance inquiry into the matter has been ordered by the Commissioner of Police, Delhi.

Rural development through private-public partnership

*409. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is thinking of any proposal for private-public partnership in promoting rural prosperity, as per the call by the Prime Minister for such partnership; and

(b) if so, the details thereof with reference to financial outlay, targets to be achieved and any monitoring agency being established for timely completion of such projects?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) and (b) The Corporate Sector is being urged to establish an effective partnership with Government for accelerating the process of development of rural areas. Industrial units are free to choose the activities and areas for supporting rural development. No financial outlays/physical targets have yet been determined for the purpose.